

Date Mailed
August 18, 2000

BEFORE THE
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WISCONSIN

Investigation on the Commission's Own Motion of Appropriate
Measures to Maintain or Enhance the Existing Levels of Energy
Efficiency, Services to Low-Income Customers, Renewable
Resources and Research and Development ("Public Benefits") in
Restructured Electric and Natural Gas Industries

05-BU-100

NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

Utility Transition Plans Due: September 8, 2000 – Noon	Address To: Lynda L. Dorr, Secretary to the Commission Public Service Commission P.O. Box 7854 Madison, WI 53707-7854
Other Stakeholder Request for copies of Transition Plans Due: August 28, 2000– Noon	Address Requests To: Daniel L. Sage Public Service Commission P.O. Box 7854 Madison, WI 53707-7854
Other Stakeholders Comments Due: September 25, 2000– Noon	Address Comments To: Lynda L. Dorr, Secretary to the Commission Public Service Commission P.O. Box 7854 Madison, WI 53707-7854

Recent legislation established funding mechanisms for public benefits efforts and provided for the transfer of funds from Wisconsin Class A, investor-owned, energy utilities¹ to the Utility Public Benefits Fund. The Commission has identified the 1998 program expenses

¹ Under Wis. Stat. § 196.374(1)(c) "utility" means a Class A gas or electric utility, as defined by the commission, but does not include a municipal utility, as defined in s. 16.957 (1) (q), a municipal electric company, as defined in s. 66.073 (3) (d), or a cooperative association organized under ch. 185.

that are appropriate for transfer to the Utility Public Benefits Fund (see order in docket 05-BU-100, attached). The Commission is seeking to collect and review information needed to decide how and when utility public benefits funding will be transferred to the Utility Public Benefits Fund, in compliance with Wis. Stats. § 196.374 (3). It is now necessary to require all affected utilities to submit Public Benefits Transition Plans that comply with the attached guidelines.

The purpose of the public benefits transition plans are:

1. To provide accurate information on each utility's proposal for how and when to transfer funds to the Commission for deposit in the Utility Public Benefits Fund, and
2. To provide accurate information about how, when and if each utility plans to transfer information resources and to modify or discontinue programs and services.

The Commission encourages utilities to coordinate the development of their plans with the Department of Administration (DOA).

Each utility that is a party to this docket shall submit to the Commission a Public Benefits Transition Plan that complies with the guidelines. The Commission should receive 15 copies of each plan by noon, September 8, 2000. Any stakeholders wishing to file comments regarding the utility-filed plans should notify the Commission by noon, August 28, 2000. The stakeholders should provide a contact name and mailing address. This information will be provided to the filing utilities and they will be required to serve these stakeholders with copies of their transition plans at the same time they are filed with the Commission. Any person wishing to file comments regarding the transition plans shall file comments with the Commission by September 25, 2000.

A filing with the Commission may be made by facsimile, but the document filed by facsimile cannot exceed 20 pages. In addition, facsimile filings are due 24 hours earlier than the identified due date to allow time for copying. The cover sheets of a facsimile filing must state "Official Filing" and the number of pages.

NOTICE IS GIVEN that the Commission considers it necessary, in order to carry out its duties, to investigate all books, accounts, practices, and activities of the applicant. The expenses incurred or to be incurred by the Commission which are reasonably attributable to such an investigation will be assessed against and collected from the applicant in accordance with the provisions of Wis. Stat. § 196.85 and Wis. Admin. Code ch. PSC 5.

The Commission does not discriminate on the basis of disability in the provision of programs, services, or employment. Any person with a disability who needs accommodations to participate in this proceeding or who needs to obtain this document in a different format should contact the case coordinator listed below.

Docket 05-BU-100

Questions regarding this matter may be directed to case coordinator Daniel Sage at (608) 267-9486.

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin, _____

By the Commission:

Lynda L. Dorr
Secretary to the Commission

LLD:DLS:OEB: pr:g:\notice\pending\05-BU-100 Hearing.doc